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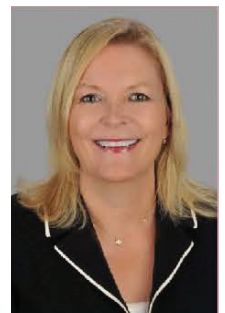


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"The College of Social Sciences and Public Policy is dedicated to providing students with the highest quality instruction, offering opportunities for professional development, and performing first class research to serve society."

Our students and faculty generate new knowledge that enhances the discussion of important social, economic, and public policy issues and leads to innovations in industry, government, and nonprofit organizations. We prepare our students for meaningful careers, advanced professional training, and an active role in public life.

The college's strategic plan is built on our existing strengths to:

- transform the educational experience for our most outstanding students;
- enhance new programs to help prepare tomorrow's leaders in business, politics, government, and the nonprofit sector for a global society;
- build world-class research and teaching programs focusing on issues related to equality of opportunity, aging, and health that are critical to the state of Florida;
- develop an international research and teaching program on the impact of culture and social and political institutions on such issues as poverty, economic growth, terrorism, and international relations;
- use our pathbreaking research to generate innovative solutions to economic, political, and social problems;
- achieve top quartile status among public institutions for all of our Ph.D. programs.

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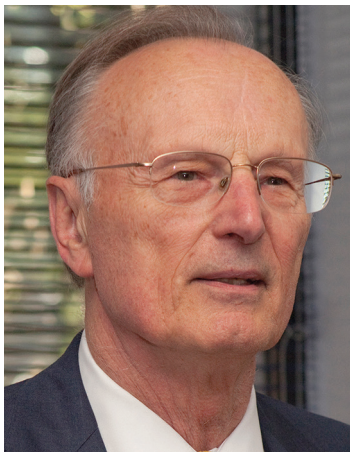
David Merrick, director of the Center for Disaster Risk Policy, prepares to launch "Oscar," one of the unmanned aircraft the program is using for new courses and developments in planning, disaster relief, and forecasting.



Photo: Jarrett Broder



Dear Friends,



David W. Rasmussen

Dean of the College of
Social Sciences and Public Policy

As that legendary ballpark philosopher Yogi Berra once said, “The future ain’t what it used to be.” Fractured syntax aside, I can’t help but agree with that sentiment. In many ways, our world today looks very different than we imagined 20, 30, 40 years ago. Vast (and constant) changes in the legal, social, political, technological, and demographic landscape have brought about both exciting opportunities and daunting problems that challenge our social science disciplines.

Our faculty and students continue to be deeply involved in a wide range of issues: sustainable living, urban development, climate change, economic instability, inequality and social justice, disaster preparation and relief, population trends, public health, and more. Thanks to our new Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation initiative, they are also busy developing new approaches to building self-supporting enterprises that tackle the most difficult social problems.

Some of these are age-old concerns; others have become increasingly important in recent years. Many of these issues challenge our institutions and pose vexing questions for public policy responses. We want our research to shed light on these issues and through our teaching prepare students to be actively engaged in the inevitable public discussions.

The college is responding to the changing world; our curriculum and research agenda today look very different from what you would have experienced a decade or two ago. Over the years, we’ve developed new programs, evolved our courses of study, and combined efforts into interdisciplinary programs that approach issues from a variety of viewpoints and methods. It’s an ongoing process. You’ll read in these pages about our progress, and in the coming months we hope to send you news about a couple of new initiatives we’re developing: one in public policy for the needs of an aging population and another addressing economic prosperity and opportunity.

We can’t talk about the future, of course, without including our students and what we do to prepare them to take their place as active and valuable members of society. In this respect, it’s not just the coursework we offer that’s so important. Our Get More Than a Degree initiative offers students a wealth of opportunities outside the classroom for research, community service, international study, leadership development, and real-world experience while they’re still in college.

These programs couldn’t be possible without the support of our alumni and friends, and we invite you to explore all the ways you can engage with our work here at the college. This past academic year, the FSU Career Center has added liaisons who work right here in the Bellamy Building to give students great advantages when they enter the job market. One of their programs, ProfessioNole, connects students with alumni working in their chosen fields to give them a better understanding of the realities and demands of their potential professions. If you’d like to be part of this program and offer your valuable insights to our future professionals, contact the Career Center’s Jim Allen (850-645-0444, jwallen@fsu.edu).

Predicting the future is hazardous business; risk and uncertainty are central to the human experience. But here at the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy, we’re doing all we can to prepare our students for whatever comes.

And for the very near future, I wish you all the best and invite you to join us at Homecoming on November 14.

With very best wishes,



David W. Rasmussen
Dean

Dear Fellow Alumni,

As an incoming freshman, I came to Florida State University for the well-regarded academic program in international affairs. That program proved to be every bit as educational as I expected, but in retrospect I see that many of the most important experiences to prepare me for my career occurred outside the classroom.

In my case, the most important of those experiences came through the World Affairs Program. It honed my skills in public speaking, negotiations, and networking, and significantly deepened my understanding of current world events and crises. Eventually, as director of the World Affairs Program, I gained valuable leadership skills and practical experience in management, budgets, fundraising, and logistics. Later as a graduate research assistant in the international affairs program, I was fortunate to participate in work on social, religious, economic, and political trends in the Middle East. Finding that first job after graduation was still not easy, but those practical skills helped me build a sufficient resume to get on the right track.

I'm pleased to see that the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy has continued to expand these opportunities beyond the classroom through the Get More Than a Degree initiative. The Social Science Scholars program is exposing outstanding undergraduates to research opportunities traditionally available only to graduate students. Global Peace Exchange is providing a structure for committed students to bring their passion to humanitarian issues. The World Affairs Program continues to offer valuable experiences and leadership opportunities, as it did for me. The college has also continued to build the opportunities for students to gain international experience through academic study beyond the study centers in London, Panama, and Italy to include programs in places like China, Peru, and Turkey. All of these programs help to build the complete student, not just the progression of courses that will lead to a degree.

What can we do as alumni to support Florida State in these important initiatives? We need to remain engaged. That engagement can take many forms. Financial support is the most obvious, and the college has ways that you can contribute to any of these programs. Equally significant is connecting your experience to current students. Those of us with jobs in international affairs can help by speaking on career panels, by providing internships to students from FSU, or by offering informational interviews.

I've been fortunate to have incredible opportunities in my career—living in Egypt and Kosovo, working in more than 60 countries, and helping people around the world live healthier, more independent, and more productive lives. Every bit of my preparation for this career came from Florida State, both inside the classroom and beyond. For that I am grateful and committed to making sure the next generation of students has access to the same opportunities. I hope you, as proud alumni of Florida State, will join me in supporting the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy and these critical programs.

All the best,



Eric Reading



Eric Reading

Executive Vice President Chemonics,
International Development Company

A man with a beard, wearing a light-colored bucket hat and a blue long-sleeved shirt, is seen from the back, looking up at a bright blue sky filled with large, white, fluffy clouds. He is holding a small, dark-colored model airplane in his hands. The airplane is positioned in the upper center of the frame, appearing to fly towards the right. The overall scene is bright and sunny, with the sun's glow visible through the clouds.

INTO THE WILD BLUE YONDER

Our Center for Disaster Risk Policy (CDRP) and its Emergency Management and Homeland Security (EMHS) program have been working with a rapidly emerging technology that has multiple applications for future advances in planning, disaster relief, and forecasting.

Unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), commonly referred to as drones in military usage, have become all the rage, attracting everyone from weekend hobbyists to private investigators to online retailer Amazon, which recently asked the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for permission to begin testing the vehicles for delivery purposes. But for the EMHS program, the potential uses of this technology far outstrip its appeal as the latest toy.

In the Spring 2015 semester, EMHS began offering Introduction to Unmanned Aircraft Systems, the first course in an evolving program of Application of Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems. The qualifier “small” refers to a UAS of less than 55 pounds, but don’t let the size fool you. The impact on scientific research, policy-making, and the economy promises to be great.

About 100,000 jobs related to the UAS industry will be created between now and 2025, according to the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI). The economic impact in Florida alone is predicted to be \$3.8 billion during the same time frame. AUVSI estimates 15,000 new drones in service by state and local agencies in the next 15 years. That means the number of people qualified to use them properly must keep pace, and that’s just what the EMHS drone program aims to address.

“Our discussions with state and local emergency managers show intense interest in what drones can do for the field of emergency management, particularly emergency response, recovery and mitigation,” said David Merrick, CDRP director and deputy director of the EMHS program. “These versatile systems can capture still and video imagery of disaster impacts and provide critical, near-real-time assessments for a fraction of the cost of manned aircraft.”

The program prepares students to use UAS in a variety of public and private applications, such as monitoring wildfire lines, identifying hot spots in burning buildings, monitoring and forecasting agricultural conditions, and locating and communicating with people stranded in disaster situations.

Some material pertaining to UAS is unique and requires the development of new courses; other instruction will initially draw from the departments of Geography and Urban and Regional Planning, in keeping with the interdisciplinary approach to education fostered by the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy.

The biggest hurdle to clear is the necessarily stringent rules on where to fly UAS. EMHS strictly complies with all current FAA regulations. A team from the program was invited to attend a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) conference in Atlanta in October to begin talks with the FAA on revised guidelines as they apply to emergency management.

To date, the restrictions on commercial use of UAS have been “severe,” Merrick said, and higher education is still categorized as commercial. New FAA rules could open use by universities to

the broader research guidelines. In the meantime, EMHS has applied for an exemption from the FAA that will allow commercial operation and is partnering with a Florida firm that has already obtained a commercial exemption.

EMHS is well-placed to offer the program because of its internal expertise and associations with other departments and programs within the college, according to Merrick. Three faculty members are certified as operators by the manufacturers of specific aircraft: Merrick; Jarrett Broder, EMHS director of information technology and research fellow; and Robert McDaniel, CDRP faculty researcher and senior fellow and EMHS instructor and internship coordinator.

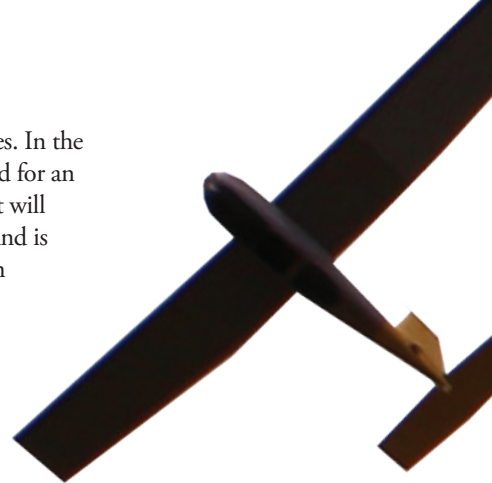
The team has extensive capabilities with UAS technology. In November 2014, at the invitation of the Florida Association for Volunteer Action in the Caribbean and the Americas, CDRP provided aerial mapping assistance to several agricultural communities in rural Jamaica as they seek to build resiliency and capacity to better support their populations before and after a disaster. While the agricultural focus of the request was outside CDRP’s usual disaster focus, this deployment was an excellent opportunity to test the new systems, procedures, and methods in aerial mapping—all capabilities that will be necessary after a disaster impact.

EMHS has also used UAS in two disaster risk-reduction projects in Haiti and has been working with the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) to explore integrating the technology more fully in decision-making.

At the FDEM annual statewide hurricane exercise in May 2015, the EMHS team worked with state officials and the FAA on how to integrate UAS operations safely and effectively into the airspace over a disaster. Using a small quad-copter with two mounted cameras, the team streamed live video into the Emergency Operations Center, providing a real-time look at the disaster impact area and allowing for better decision-making by emergency managers. The UAS also captured high-resolution photographs that would enable faster damage assessment of homes and businesses, as well as information on the extent of flooding. This was the first time in the U.S. that a UAS mission was flown and integrated into an emergency response exercise.

“There’s much in the way of understanding the technology and its applications, not to mention the policy issues involved with the use of UAS, that students need to learn before they get their craft up in the air,” Merrick said. “By the end of this program, these students will have unique experience in every aspect of UAS deployment, remote sensing applications, and putting UAS imagery to work in a wide range of specializations—and know how to fly them.”

Courses that include hands-on flying of UAS began in the summer of 2015. ■



FACULTY RESEARCH IMPACTS ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY



How we respond as individuals, institutions, and governments to looming environmental crises is one of the greatest issues society has to face and one that will take on even more importance in the future. As scientific innovations advance our ability to deal with these problems, public policy decisions must assure solutions are delivered in the most effective way possible. That's the challenge undertaken by current faculty research in the college.

Cities are a major part of the climate problem; almost 75% of greenhouse gas emissions are generated in urban areas. Cities are also critical to the solution because they control transportation, building, and land use decisions. Collaboration is crucial because no single city is able to address large-scale environmental and climate problems by itself.

Richard Feiock (Askew School), the Collins Eminent Scholar of Public Administration and Policy, received two National Science Foundation (NSF) grants this past academic year to investigate the role of local governments in shaping environmental outcomes and sustainability efforts. More than a half million dollars will be directed to the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy over the next four years for this research.

The first NSF grant provides \$105,000 for the project "Integrated City Sustainability" from May 2015 through April 2017. Feiock is directing the research in collaboration with Rachel Krause of the University of Kansas and Christopher Hawkins of the University of Central Florida, who earned his Ph.D. at the Askew School. The research focuses on how the administrative organization

of sustainability efforts, infrastructure innovations, and collaboration among governments affect the adoption of policies that impact health and livability.

Feiock is also FSU's principle investigator on a \$12 million NSF grant shared by nine universities to build a unique network of scientists, industry leaders, and policy partners committed to building better cities. The network will include major metropolitan cities in the U.S. and India, infrastructure firms, and policy groups that will focus on ways to reimagine energy grids, road networks, green spaces and food and water systems. The research seeks to determine how cities can become more highly functional, better promote the health of residents and the environment, and be more desirable places to live and work — that intangible "vibe" known as livability.

Feiock received \$500,000 of the total to conduct national-scale surveys of city governments, investigate energy and transportation collaboration to promote sustainability within urban regions, and support research on the innovative energy efficiency programs that have been implemented by the city of Tallahassee.

Tapping the unique resources of the Askew School's Local Governance Lab, which he directs, Feiock and his co-investigators on both projects are working closely with community and governmental partners including the City of Tallahassee, Florida League of Cities, National League of Cities, and International City Management Association. These collaborations will link research and education with concrete actions and real-world impact to improve urban environments and make cities more sustainable.

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Until now, development trends have resulted in very large infrastructure systems—large power grids and roadway networks and complex systems that pipe water from distant rivers and supply food from faraway states and countries. Emerging trends suggest cities may be better off building more local systems—urban farms, local solar generation, bike share systems, and more. This project network will work to identify the best mix of local systems and large infrastructures to achieve urban sustainability, health, and livability. The research also will explore the public attitudes and policies that can help achieve such urban transitions.

Working in a related area, Christopher Reenock (Political Science) is using his \$230,000 NSF grant to study the effect

of public policy on environmental risk outcomes. More than 150 million Americans currently live in areas that are not meeting air quality standards, and more than 40,000 bodies of water are deemed “impaired” for failing to meet use requirements. Most environmental regulation is enforced by state-level agencies that have delegated authority to regional or local offices. Reenock’s study examines the effects of these administrative arrangements and generates data that can be used to evaluate policies for mitigating unfavorable or uneven environmental risk levels.

As the future brings new environmental problems and greater administrative challenges, the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy is leading the way toward effective solutions. ■

STUDENTS PLAY IMPORTANT RESEARCH ROLES

The urban sustainability projects detailed on these pages are also providing hands-on research experiences for students. Richard Feiock is working with a team of talented graduate students participating in the Askew School’s Local Governance Lab on all stages of the research. In addition, students will be able to participate in workshops, mentoring programs, and a graduate certificate program in urban sustainability through collaboration with university partners on the projects.

Traditionally, the work done at major research institutions like Florida State has been carried out by faculty and graduate students, but at the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy, more and more undergraduates are gaining opportunities to do the kind of research that boosts their chances of future academic and career success.

The Department of Political Science’s Research Intensive Bachelor’s Certificate program provides students with high-caliber skills and practical experience working in an academic research environment. Students must complete 12 hours of research-oriented classes and internships to earn their certificates.

At the DeVoe Moore Center (DMC), undergraduates are learning to play a significant role in developing policy positions by assisting in the production of a series of policy briefs. The first of these, released in March 2015 under the title “DMC Perspective,” focused on the issue of sports stadium subsidies, with analysis by



Logan Shewmaker works on a DMC Perspective policy brief.

Logan Shewmaker, an undergrad research assistant majoring in political science. The center currently has 10 students from various academic disciplines working on projects ranging from the fiscal impacts of Cascades Park in Tallahassee to state spending and tax policy.

“This is an important aspect of our Get More Than a Degree initiative,” said Dean

David W. Rasmussen. “These students are going beyond their classroom activities to take on high levels of research. Not only are they learning to use available studies and resources to develop well-reasoned policy positions, they also are getting their names out there to policymakers and elected officials. This gives them a major leg up on their future careers while still in their undergraduate years.” ■



AMERICA AGES:
WICKED PROBLEMS &
WICKED SOLUTIONS

A quality growth approach that also meets the needs of older adults will be essential to the creation of sustainable, livable, vibrant communities.

Looking to the coming years, we see a “graying” America as the Baby Boomers, those born between 1946 and 1964, get older. People 65+ represented 12.4% of the population in the year 2000 but are expected to grow to be 19% of the population by 2030, more than twice their number 15 years ago. This could present some Wicked Problems for the future, but also has the potential for Wicked Solutions.

The term “Wicked Problems” arose in the 1970s to distinguish major challenges of public policy from those of the hard sciences. Wicked Problems are issues that are very difficult, if not impossible, to solve because they are highly complex, with no readily apparent solution; intricately interconnected with other problems; entrenched in the political arena; and volatile, presenting constantly moving targets to policymakers. The typical policy responses are insufficient to address these problems in any meaningful way.

An approach we call “Quality Growth” can serve as one means of addressing many of the Wicked Problems facing urban and regional planning, among them urban sprawl. Quality Growth refers to a system of regulations and incentives that promote dense, mixed-use development allowing for a wide range of housing types and transportation modes (e.g., cars, bikes, walking, and public transit). At its core, Quality Growth is about expanding choices for people of all ages and moving beyond an entrenched single-family housing model that requires long drives in automobiles to access employment and shopping.

Quality Growth provides the necessary fuel for the idea that an aging population offers a potentially Wicked Solution to these Wicked Problems. How might this be? Evidence from surveys by groups like AARP and the Urban Land Institute find that older households desire exactly the set of attributes that lie at the core of

the Quality Growth concept—neighborhoods with a diverse mix of units, sidewalks, retail, and easy access to health care, community centers, and parks. People in the 55+ group also foresee the time when their driving abilities will diminish, so they desire communities with quality transit services to help them get around. While most report wanting to age in place within their existing communities, most neighborhoods need to be retrofitted or rebuilt to accommodate this.

Baby Boomers helped fuel the suburban housing trend, and now there is opportunity for promoting urban redevelopment and suburban densification to meet their housing preferences. As older households move into locations that epitomize Quality Growth, there is also a trend among younger adults to own fewer cars and live in smaller houses. Combined, these older and younger households are contributing to the creation of new urban, walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods in places as diverse as Tampa, Salt Lake City, Seattle, Austin, and Tallahassee. Evidence suggests these neighborhoods promote more active living, more engaged citizens, less environmental impact, and happier residents.

Research and teaching on questions like these are at the heart of a major initiative in the college to address public policy for successful aging. In the coming year the college will begin recruiting scholars to join existing faculty to work on public health, finance, housing, social services, and community development. These faculty will work closely with the Institute for Successful Longevity to undertake research, educate students, and provide community service that improves the lives of older adults in Florida and around the globe.

Wicked Problems may abound, but strangely enough our aging population may offer one potentially Wicked Solution. ■

ACCLAIMED SCHOLAR NAMED DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR

Position Created by Legislature to Honor Florida Business Leader



Dean David Rasmussen, Shawn Kantor, and economics department Chair Mark Isaac discuss details of the new Hilton Professorship.

The college is proud to announce that Shawn Kantor, a prize-winning author and former head of the Department of Economics at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, has joined our faculty as the L. Charles Hilton Jr. Distinguished Professor of Economic Prosperity and Individual Opportunity.

Kantor's distinguished professorship was established by the Florida Legislature in 2014 to honor prominent Panama City attorney, contractor, and developer L. Charles Hilton Jr. The Senate president at that time, Sen. Don Gaetz (R-Niceville), and former legislator Will Weatherford, who was serving as House Speaker, introduced the measure to appropriate recurring annual funding for the position. Kantor's professorship is tenured within the economics department. He is also an affiliate with the college's DeVoe L. Moore Center for the Study of Critical Issues in Economic Policy and Government.

In the new position, Kantor will conduct research on markets and the institutions that play an important role in determining economic prosperity and individual opportunity. He will coordinate regional and national symposia to examine and discuss best practices among the states in achieving these goals and integrate students into a research agenda that will provide the intellectual basis of the policy symposia.

For many years, Kantor has conducted research into how economic, political, and legal institutions influence economic development. His current studies examine

the impact that research universities such as Florida State have on regional economic growth.

Kantor's many published papers have won awards for outstanding writing and rank him as one of the country's most acclaimed economics scholars. He is the author of the books *Property Rights: The Closing of the Open Range in the Postbellum South* and *A Prelude to the Welfare State: The Origins of Workers' Compensation* (with Price Fishback), which received both the 2000 TIAA-CREF Institute Certificate of Excellence and the Richard Lester Prize for Outstanding Book in Labor Economics and Industrial Relations.

Kantor received his Ph.D. from the California Institute of Technology in 1991. Prior to his post at Rensselaer, he was a founding faculty member at the University of California, Merced, serving as the chair of a multidisciplinary department in the social sciences.

"We're so grateful for this legislative initiative enabling us to bring such valuable insights and perspectives to our faculty and students," noted Mark Isaac, chair of the economics department. Isaac said that in addition to Kantor's salary and the annual symposium, the funding will also support graduate student research and travel.

Charles Hilton was also honored by the department with a series of lectures on markets and institutions presented throughout the 2014-2015 academic year (see page 15). ■

Markets and Institutions at FSU

Around the time of World War II economics research underwent a dramatic transformation incorporating the tools of mathematics and statistics. This allowed existing economic models to be analyzed with greater rigor and for deeper questions to be probed. Several Nobel Prizes were awarded to these efforts; however, changes did not come without cost. The end results were often high in mathematical sophistication but were too abstract to factor in the important institutions that carry out many of the processes of human activity: markets, contracts, family, volunteer organizations, political bodies, and so forth. Not surprisingly, there has been a renaissance of interest among economists in how to reintroduce these institutions into economic reasoning.

Research in markets and institutions has a long tradition in our Department of Economics. Faculty and their students have produced research spanning a wide set of topics: the causes of and remedies for corruption, influences on and effects of charitable and compassionate activities, economic issues facing Native Americans, mathematical models of jury behavior, entrepreneurship, the relationships between drug trafficking and violence, urban sprawl and transportation, the growth of government spending, cigarette advertising regulation, eminent domain, and economic models of the NFL draft, among many others. The new Hilton Professorship promises to advance this research even further.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Several faculty members were honored at the university's annual Faculty Awards Dinner, April 27, 2015:

Graduate Faculty Mentor Award: **Anne Barrett** (Sociology)

Graduate Teaching Award: **Deana Rohlinger** (Sociology), **Miles Taylor** (Sociology), **Kaifeng Yang** (Askew School of Public Administration and Policy)

Undergraduate Teaching Award: **Irene Padavic** (Sociology), **Kathryn Tillman** (Sociology)

Department of Economics Associate Teaching Professor **Joab Corey** was awarded Advisor of the Year at FSU's annual Leadership Awards ceremony, April 14, 2015.



Joab Corey

Richard Feiock (Askew School) was appointed to the Environmental Protection Agency Board of Scientific Counselors, one of only a handful of social scientists to have served in this role. He was also elected as a Fellow to the National Academy of Public Administration.

Three researchers in the college studying the implementation and evolution of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) released their findings at a forum at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., August 25, 2014. Collins Institute Director **Carol Weissert**, Associate Dean **Robert Crew**, and Public Health Program Director **William Weissert**, all faculty members in the Department of Political Science, were part of a 35-state national network established in the fall of 2013 to study ACA implementation. Crew presented their report at the forum, noting that within Florida's government, partisan political ideology rather than the resource-based reasons seen in other Southern states has blocked implementation, causing the state to lose federal dollars at an exponential rate.

It's been a big year for **Annette Schwabe** (Sociology). On April 6, 2015, she was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest, largest, and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. In May, she was appointed the university-wide Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Director of Liberal Studies. Schwabe is an FSU distinguished teaching professor.



Robert Carroll (Political Science). Not pictured: **Seungjun Baek** (Economics), **Inken von Borzyskowski** (Political Science).

In addition to **Shawn Kantor** (see page 10) in the Department of Economics, the college also welcomes these new faculty members for Fall 2015: (front, l-r) **Tisha Holmes** (Urban and Regional Planning), **Miranda Waggoner** (Sociology, Center for Demography and Population Health), **April Jackson** (Urban and Regional Planning); (rear, l-r) **Vijay Krishna** (Economics),



Faculty in the college continue to be called on by the media as experts in topics ranging from health care to politics, weather, urban development, transportation, the economy, and more.



Experimental Forecast Projects Tornado Season

A seasonal forecast of the devastating extreme weather event may be available as soon as 2016. By Andrea Thompson and Climate Central | March 16, 2015

The 2011 tornado season wasn't supposed to happen, not in our modern era of advanced technology and storm warnings. Those warnings had led to a steady drop in the death tolls as people received more accurate information and earlier warnings than in the past. But the 1,691 tornadoes in 2011—the second most for any season going back to the 1950s—included outbreaks that killed hundreds, something not seen since the 1970s.



James Elsner, an atmospheric scientist at Florida State University who has looked at climate connections to tornadoes and hurricanes, said he thought such seasonal forecasting was feasible and that ENSO was a good predictor at which to look.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Jean Tabares (Political Science) was elected Student Body President, February 25, 2015. He is the fourth student of the college in a row to be elected to the post. Students from the college represent five of the last six student body presidents.



Caroline Burkholder

Caroline Burkholder won the Sociologists for Women in Society Undergraduate Social Activism Award in January 2015. She's pictured here at Tallahassee's Oasis Center, where she worked to expand the reach of the center's Women Can Run program to youth populations through the creation of a gender literacy curriculum. The program encourages women to seek public office and provides resources to help them achieve it.

Our students get more than a degree and change the world! **Will Hackett IV** (Political Science) led fellow students in a clean water access project in the Dominican Republic as part of the Florida State Alternative Breaks program last spring. **Olivia Bibilonia** (International Affairs) has set up a GoFundMe page to collect donations to buy books written in Creole for elementary schools in Haiti.



Alexandra Olsen (left) and Lindsay Greene (right)

At the annual President's Showcase of Undergraduate Research Excellence, September 30, 2014, award winners shared their research and creative projects through poster and oral presentations. Two of our students were among the presenters: **Alexandra Olsen** (Sociology/French) and **Lindsay Greene** (International Affairs/Social Work).

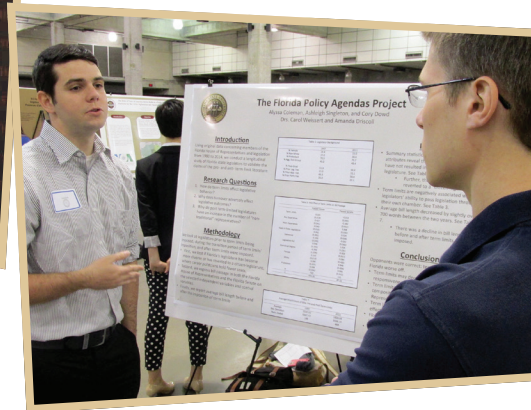
Julianne Simson (International Affairs, Political Science) was featured last March in MSNBC's "Women in Politics" web series as a prominent student leader. She was nominated to represent FSU as a leader making a difference not only through key issues on campus, but in bridging the gender gap in politics.



James Dillmore (left) and Charles Wilson (right) with their winning Digitech project.

in the Askew School, with assistance from COSSPP Social-Entrepreneur-in-Residence **Bruce Manciangli**. The annual DIGITECH exhibition is a showcase for technology-based student innovations to promote collaboration between disciplines.

Stephanie Bradley (Sociology) won the 2015 Teaching Innovations and Professional Development Award from SAGE Publishing. The award will help her attend the annual American Sociological Association pre-conference workshop on Universal Design: Interrogating Inequality in Learning, hosted by the Section on Teaching and Learning in Sociology.



Cory Dowd

Students in just about every discipline in the college presented at the annual Undergraduate Research Symposium last spring. Pictured: **Cory Dowd** (Political Science).

The FSU Career Center partnered with Woodie Woodward, the former associate administrator of airports for the Federal Aviation Administration, to provide an externship experience to **Jackson Harris**, a second-year graduate student in urban and regional planning, lasting throughout 2015. Harris has previously completed two internships in airport management and hopes to build his career in Florida's aviation and airport management industry.

Charles Wilson (International Affairs, Social Entrepreneurship) and his project partner James Dillmore (Accounting) won the Innovation Award at Digitech, April 1, 2014, for AGROSKY, a social entrepreneurship start-up with the goal of helping small-scale farms achieve maximized growth yields through environmentally friendly commercial autonomous robotics utilizing strategic imaging, GIS mapping, and strategic spraying. The project was developed for the Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation course taught by **Kim Wiley**



The annual Get More Than a Degree event, organized by the college's Student Leadership Council (SLC), gives undergraduates the opportunity to learn about academics, graduate school, and especially the many programs to enhance their educational experience through internships, international study and service, research, social entrepreneurship, and student organizations. This year's event featured brief talks by Dean **David Rasmussen**; Social Entrepreneur-in-Residence **Bruce Manciangli**; college alumnus **Dustin Daniels**, chief of staff to Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum; and SLC 2014-2015 Chair **Brooks Reed**. The SLC serves as liaison between students and college/university administration, providing a student perspective in deciding and implementing the goals and initiatives of the college.

Twenty-six COSSPP students were inducted into the Garnet and Gold Scholar Society this year. From International Affairs: **Atlee Ahern**, **Alexis Cherry**, **Megan Hall**, **Leanna Lakeram**, **Marie-Claire Levy**, **Meenka Maharaj**, **Gregory Miller**, **Cecilio Moreno**, **Jury Paulson**, **Jacqueline Rojas**, **Samantha Sterthaus**, **Rebecca Velez** and **Kathryn Amelia Watts**; from Political Science: **Connor Barniskis**, **Alina Bosanac**, **William Hackett**, **Hunter Hamrick**, **Precious Johnson**, **Hannah Linquanti**, **D'Juan Sampson**, and **Greyson Wallis**; from Environmental Studies: **Lindsay Cohn** and **Tiffany Song**; from Sociology: **Allison Lick** and **Annette Riddle**; from Economics: **Alyson Morelli**.

STUDENTS SCORE BIG IN ANNUAL AWARDS

National Awards and Fellowships:

Boren Undergraduate Scholarship (\$20,000 for program expenses for an academic year abroad): **Mia Concilus** (International Affairs, Environmental Studies) – China; **Cecilio Moreno** (International Affairs, Political Science) – Brazil; **Jesse Marks** (Middle Eastern Studies, Social Sciences) – Jordan



Boren scholarship winners Mia Concilus, Cecilio Moreno and Jesse Marks

Truman Scholarship (for public service; \$30,000 for grad school): **Daniel Hubbard** (Sociology, Psychology)

John Lewis Humanity in Action Fellowship (intensive program on diversity and civil rights): **Maria Prokopetz** (International Affairs, Criminology) – Center for Civil and Human Rights – Atlanta

Fulbright Student Grants (year of study, research, or teaching English worldwide):

Frances Falling (Music Education, Environmental Studies) – Germany; **Alexis Cherry** (Economics, International Affairs) – Turkey; **Robert Haley** (International Affairs, Leadership Studies) – Taiwan

Fulbright US-UK Summer Institute Award (institute theme: Identity, Culture and Innovation): **Matt Breen** (Economics, Finance) – Scotland

Samuel Huntington Public Service Scholarship (\$15,000 stipend for one year of public service worldwide): **Kathryn Amelia Watts** (International Affairs) – India

Taiwan United States Alliance Ambassador Summer Scholarship (goodwill program of language and culture study): **John Clark** (International Affairs, Asian Studies) – Taiwan

Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarships (study abroad funding): **Darrell Kilpatrick** (Economics) – Rwanda; **Isabella Moreira** (Political Science, English) – Czech Republic, Turkey; **Richea Osei** (Sociology) – Ghana

FSU LEADERSHIP AWARDS, APRIL 14, 2015

Bob E. Leach Award (exemplary leadership and service to the university): **Daniel Hubbard** (Sociology, Psychology)

Academic Leadership Award (academic performance, university service, and contributions in and out of classroom): **Alexandra Olsen** (Sociology, French; International Affairs minor)

Inter-Residence Hall Government President of the Year: **Sydney Ollar** (International Affairs, English)

Global Citizen Awards (leadership in promoting and supporting a global community at FSU): **Austin Wisdom** (International Affairs, Latin American Studies) and **Daniela Donoso Garcia**

(International Affairs, Interdisciplinary Social Sciences)

Dean of Students Dean's Cup (strong sense of commitment to the Seminole Creed): **Atlee Ahern** (International Affairs)

Outstanding Student Leader Award (activities-related leadership): **Allison Maldonado-Ruiz** (Sociology)

Student Seminole Awards (special contributions in leadership and service): **Marie Clare Levy** (International Affairs), **Janelle King** (International Affairs, Criminology), **Sarah Green** (Interdisciplinary Social Science, Finance), **Daniel Hubbard** (Sociology, Psychology)

CELEBRATION OF GRADUATE STUDENT EXCELLENCE, APRIL 8, 2014

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Awards: **Kimberly Wiley** (Public Administration), **Keith Richard** (Sociology)

Graduate Student Leadership Award: **Holly Widen** (Geography)

Preparing Future Faculty/Preparing Future Professionals Certificates: **James Gaboardi**

(Geography), **Justine Gunderson** (Sociology)

Program for Instructional Excellence Teaching Associates Recognitions: **Brandon Brice** (Economics), **Holly Widen** (Geography), **Casey Delahanty** (Political Science), **Stephanie Bradley** (Sociology), **Luis Santiago** (Urban and Regional Planning)

OUR SCHOLARS COVER THE GLOBE



Social Science Scholar Julianne Simson teaches student John du Die how to sound out words in her work with MindLeaps, an organization in Kigali, Rwanda, that empowers and educates impoverished children.

Social Science Scholars is one of the keystone programs of the college's Get More Than a Degree initiative, a commitment by the college and Dean Rasmussen to providing valuable experiences for students beyond the classroom. Students in this program get a substantial boost not only for their future careers but for the contributions they will

make to the world in the coming years. This past February, the 2015 cohort was introduced to faculty, staff, fellow students, supporters and friends of the college, and FSU President **John Thrasher** at a reception at the University Center. These undergraduates in their junior year, chosen by a rigorous selection process, had already begun the leadership seminar taught by

program directors **John Mayo** and **Tom Taylor** to prepare them for research and/or service projects to be undertaken over the summer semester (see sidebar). Each student gets a \$5,000 grant to fulfill their projects. This program is made possible by support from generous alumni and friends who recognize the value of the experience it provides.

2015 SOCIAL SCIENCE SCHOLARS PROJECTS

Cassandra Barragan: Attending intensive Arabic course and working on community development in Amman, Jordan

Matthew Breen: Taking a Fulbright-sponsored leadership course in Scotland

Cassidy Curls: Studying the impact of reality TV show *Survivor* on Aitutaki, South Pacific

Daniela Donoso: Participating in an entrepreneurship training project in Kigali, Rwanda

Sean Doran: Conducting a multi-media study of adolescent eating habits in South Florida

Rebecca Justilien: Working on a community development project in the Belo region of Cameroon

Lauren Medina: Studying sexual violence on college campuses as a research intern at UNC, Chapel Hill

Alexander Morato: Studying U.S.-Cuban relations at the Caux Institute in Switzerland

Shannon Morris: Teaching English in Iquitos, Peru

Rima Nathan: Attending Summer Peacebuilding Program in Monterey, Calif.

Mason Roth: Developing a business plan for the Opus Project, a computer-based instructional system for high school and community college students

James Rujimora: Working at the Barretstown Camp in Ireland and, subsequently, at NYU's Child Study

Center in Westchester, N.Y.

Benjamin Schneider: Attending an intensive Turkish language course at the University of Wisconsin

Julianne Simson: Teaching dance and literacy as a MindLeaps volunteer in Rwanda

Jesse Smith-Appelson: Working at Women for Watersheds, a community development agency in Paraguay

Kristina Urdaneta: Interning at Accuracy Worldwide, a multinational financial firm, in Madrid

Rachel Way: Attending a six-week conflict-resolution course at New York University

LECTURES

ANDERSON-ASHBY LECTURESHIP ON PUBLIC POLICY JOURNALISM

Joaquin Alvarado, CEO, Center for Investigative Reporting
“Journalism: Democracy’s Operating System”
October 30, 2014

L. CHARLES HILTON DISTINGUISHED LECTURES ON MARKETS AND INSTITUTIONS

Paul Pecorino, University of Alabama
“Litigation with Judgment-Proof Defendants”
October 3, 2014

Utku Unver, University of Pittsburgh
“Design of Lung-Transplant Exchanges”
October 10, 2014

Howard Bodenhorn, Clemson University
“Early-release Provisions in 19th-Century Prisons”
October 31, 2014

Shawn Kantor, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
“Research Universities and Economic Productivity”
November 7, 2014

Bradley Ruffle, Wilfrid Laurier University
“Influence of Role Assignments in Contests”
December 5, 2014

Peter Leeson, George Mason University
“Economic Modelling of Pre-Nuptial Agreements”
January 16, 2015

Robert Fleck, Clemson University
“Wealth Enhancement and Institutions in Ancient Greece”
January 30, 2015

Hugo Faria, University of Miami and IESA, Venezuela
“Role of Human Capital and Institutions on Economic Development”
March 20, 2015

Werner Troesken, University of Pittsburgh
“How the Constitution Left the U.S. Rich, Free, and Prone to Infection”
March 27, 2015

CHARLES B. NAM LECTURE IN THE SOCIOLOGY OF POPULATION

Sponsored by the Center for Demography and Population Health

Wendy Manning, Director, Center for Family and Demographic Research
“Same-Sex Relationships and Well-Being”
April 3, 2015

RUTH K. & SHEPARD BROAD INTERNATIONAL LECTURE SERIES

Kelly Matheson, Attorney, filmmaker, human rights advocate
“Visualize Justice: Stories from the Field”
October 23, 2014

Govind Mohan, Minister for Economics, Embassy of India
“Economic Ties between India and the United States”
November 14, 2014

Richard McGregor, Washington bureau chief, Financial Times of London
“China and America in the Asian Century”
November 20, 2014

Sheldon Garon, Nissan Professor in Japanese Studies, Princeton University
“Beyond Our Means: Why America Spends While the World Saves”
January 29, 2015

James Larson, Professor and chair, Department of Technology and Society, SUNY Korea
“Digital Divide and Disruption in Korea”
February 12, 2015

Eleanor Beardsley, National Public Radio correspondent “My World from Paris”
(co-sponsored by Anderson-Ashby Lecture Series)
April 7, 2015

Sinan Ciddi, Director, Institute for Turkish Studies, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service
“Erdogan’s New Turkey: An Emerging Authoritarian Power”
April 20, 2015

OTHER LECTURES

David Jackson, Professor of History, Florida A & M University
“The Role of Business in Civil Rights”
Sponsored by the DeVoe Moore Center
October 29, 2014

Timothy Beatley, Heinz Professor of Sustainable Communities, Department of Urban and Environmental Planning, University of Virginia
“Rethinking Cities in the Urban Age”
Sponsored by the Department of Urban and Regional Planning
January 29, 2015

Pamela Herd, Professor of Public Affairs and Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
“Source of Socioeconomic Health Disparities”
Sponsored by the Claude Pepper Distinguished Lecture Series
February 4, 2015

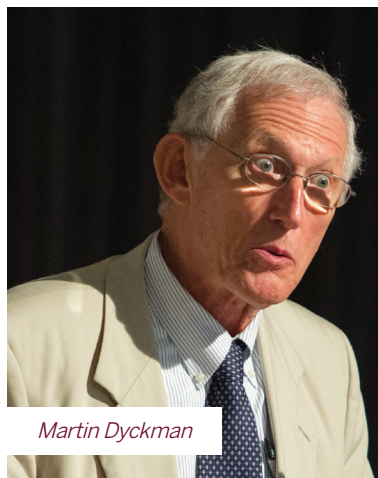
Jeffrey Alexander, Lillian Chavenson Saden Professor of Sociology, Yale University
“Reactions to the Holocaust and Modern Mass Murders”
Sponsored by the Department of Sociology and the FSU chapter of Phi Beta Kappa
April 6, 2015

JOE CRESSE ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT LECTURE SERIES

Martin Dyckman, Journalist, author
“The Glory of Government: Why Has Love Turned to Hate?” A tribute to the late Gov. Reubin O’D. Askew
October 2, 2014



Eleanor Beardsley



Martin Dyckman

“Government is not some abstract force doing these things for us. We are the government. We are the people doing these things for ourselves. Try as we might, we could not do them individually. They must be done collectively.”

DEPARTMENTS

ASKEW SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY

W. Earle Klay, Director
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A study of program publishing records by two Dutch scholars published in the *International Public Management Journal* concluded that the Askew School ranked third in faculty research productivity among public administration programs throughout the world, an achievement particularly noteworthy in light of the Askew School's faculty size, smaller than many of the other programs in the study. Earlier in the summer of 2014, an empirical study found that the research impact of the Askew faculty ranked in the top 10 nationally and in the top 20 in the world. The study, generated by the School of Public Administration at Florida Atlantic University and published in the *Journal of Public Affairs Education*, measured the numbers of peer-reviewed research articles published in the world's most cited journals in the field over a five-year period.

The annual Askew School Awards Night, February 13, 2015, kicked off with a posthumous master's degree award to **Erika Kubik**, presented by FSU President **John Thrasher** to Erika's mother, adjunct instructor **Patricia Gleason**. Kubik died in a car accident, November 7, 2014.

*President John Thrasher
and Patricia Gleason*



The following awards for student excellence were also given out at the annual awards night: Malcolm Parsons MPA Best Paper Award: **Alexander Falcone**; honorable mention to **Dacia Drury**; Raul P. de Guzman Ph.D. Best Paper Award: **Naon Min**; Neil S. Crispo Community Service Award: **Joanna Douglas**; Ruth "Sweetie" Cox Scholarship: **Minsun Song**; Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society induction: **Brittney Austin, Margaret Aziz, Danielle Boudreaux, Zihan Bu, Kyoung Ok Byun, Haneul Chae, Pankyu Choi, Benli Chu, Jeffrey S. Gagliano, Matthea Gans, Natalie Harmening, Belda Haymanot, Kristen Kerr, Koomin Kim, John Le Cappelain, Christie Luce, Zia Obaid, Heather Peebles, Flor Rueda, Sara Saxner, Rachel Sullivan, Xinyan Sun, Laura Wesolowski, Gege Xiao**.

Frances Berry, Frank P. Sherwood Professor of Public Administration, was recently announced as the Askew Eminent Scholar chair. The chair, previously held by the late Gov. Reubin Askew, is one of two endowed eminent scholar chairs in the Askew School.

Currently serving a two-year position as president of the Public Management Research Association, Berry was appointed Distinguished Visiting Professor at the University of Taipei, Taiwan, in July 2014.

Ralph Brower and **Keon-Hyung Lee** have been promoted to full professor status beginning Fall 2015.

Kathleen Woods, who served for nine years as Askew School office administrator and as program assistant for six years, celebrated her retirement at the Fall Welcome Back Reception, September 12, 2014. Kathleen also received the Public Servant of the Year award from the North Florida Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration.

The **Public Administration Graduate Association (PAGA)** participated in FSU's Big Event, a Tallahassee-wide service project. The PAGA team was assigned to the Capitol Region YMCA, where they helped remove debris and restore the retention pond area on the property.

The PAGA Big Event team



ECONOMICS

Mark Isaac, Chair
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The student chapter of the National Association for Business Economics (NABE) and the Economics Club co-hosted a financial literacy event on the Union Green, December 1, 2014. The event, designed to provide basic financial awareness to students from any discipline, boasted interactive games created by NABE members and based on personal finance goals. In September the group sent 14 members to the organization's annual conference in Chicago. This past April, the FSU chapter celebrated 10 years as an active student group on campus with a banquet. Honored guests included Dean **David Rasmussen**, **Lise Diez-Arguelles** of the FSU School of Business, economics department Chair **Mark Isaac**, and Dino Falaschetti of George Mason University's Mercatus Center.

*NABE members
engage students
in financial
literacy games.*



The department hosted the 12th annual Southeastern Health Economics Study Group Conference, October 24-25, 2014, at the university's Turnbull Conference Center. About 40 academic economists attended to discuss the latest health economics research. The conference was organized by **Gary Fournier**, who retired from the department at the end of Spring 2015 and was awarded professor emeritus status.

Don Schlagenhauf also retired at the end of the 2014-15 academic year, and **Bruce Benson** will retire after the Fall 2015 semester.

XS/FS, the Experimental Social Science Cluster at Florida State University, hosted the 2014 Economic Science Association (ESA) conference in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., October 16-18, 2014. ESA is a professional organization devoted to economics as an observational science, using controlled experiments to learn about economic behavior. The conference featured 220 papers presented by economists from across the U.S. engaged in the experimental field.

The Master in Applied Economics program celebrated 2014 by getting its official recognition as a distinct academic program at FSU. In late July 2014, students in the program made their final project presentations at the annual symposium, and awards were given to **Jake Tuttle**, **Briana Garcia**, and **Josh Mikels** (Outstanding Students) and to **Richard Farinas**, **Steve Taylor**, and **Keith Leslie** (Michael Norrbin



Award for Outstanding Project). Last November the program invited several of its alumni back to campus to speak with currently enrolled students about their job searches, careers, and day-to-day life as working economists. They also offered advice and answered questions—a valuable experience for those in the program.

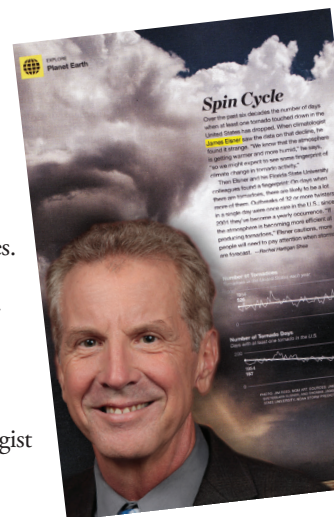
The department presented its annual grad student awards to the following: Dewey F. Bartlett Memorial Fellowship (promoting economic education): **Rosie Fike**; Thomas S. McCaleb Scholarship

(upper division teaching): **Phil Brookins**; James H. Gapinski Award (first year doctoral student): **Steve Landgraf** and **Michael Babington**; Irvin and Peggy Sobel Award (admitted to candidacy): **Alice Crisp**; Charles E. Rockwood Award (general teaching): **Michael Clark**.

GEOGRAPHY

Victor Mesev, Chair
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James Elsner takes over as department chair beginning Fall 2015 semester. In the last several years, Elsner, who has been with FSU since 1990, has become one of the nation's most quoted experts on the frequency and intensity of tornadoes. In his recent paper in *Climate Dynamics* (with **Thomas H. Jagger**, formerly a research associate at FSU, and meteorologist **Svetoslava Elsner**), he found that days with a high number of tornadoes have increased since the 1950s, a factor he attributes to climate change. In a separate study published in *Nature Climate Change*, Elsner noted that while the overall number of hurricanes has decreased, warmer ocean temperatures appear to be fueling more intense storms.



*Alumni of the applied
economics master's
program*



The United Kingdom's Economic and Social Research Council is funding Assistant Professor **Mary Lawhon**'s three-year, \$500K study on how policy and technology changes to waste management practices across the globe are reducing access to the livelihoods generated from waste for the urban poor.

Professor **Mark Horner** has secured a series of grants to support his research in commuting optimization: \$300K from the Florida Department of Transportation for work on autonomous vehicles, and from the University Transport Center, \$270K for a transit-oriented development project and \$60K for an aging-focused humanitarian logistics project.

The federal Department of Environmental Protection has awarded Assistant Professor **Chris Uejio** \$300K to explore climate change and the intensity and duration of bouts of extreme heat. Uejio is particularly interested in why the more isolated members of society are the typical victims of extreme temperatures and how deaths from extreme heat can be avoided.



Chris Uejio

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Lee Metcalf, Director
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The program celebrated its 50th anniversary last fall by welcoming back alumni for walking tours of the campus and a wine and cheese reception on September 19, featuring a video of the program's history. The following day, student and alumni panels discussed career opportunities in international affairs during a brunch. The panel featured **Howard Shores**, a State Department employee who was president of the DC Noles, **Deborah Sawyer**, vice president of Pearson Partners International, an executive search company; **John Bunn**, who has worked at the UN and other international agencies; and **Eric Reading**, executive vice president of Chemonics.



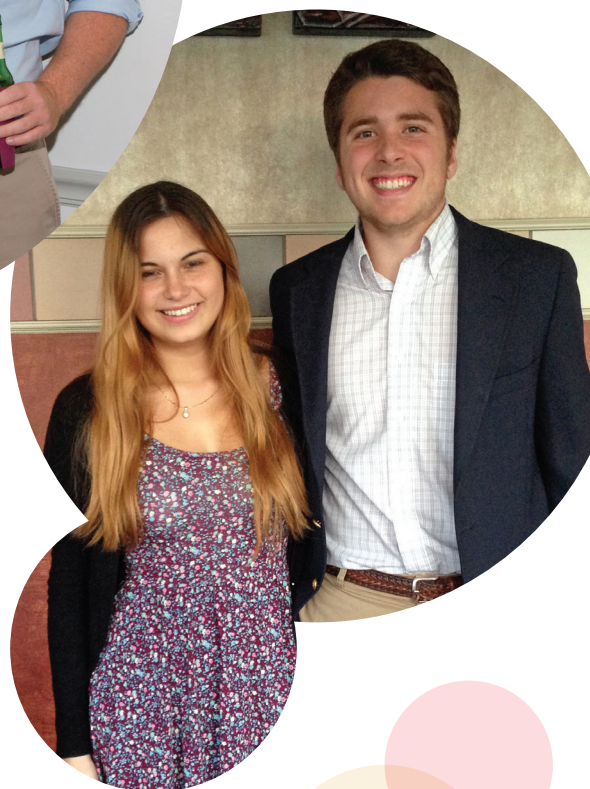
(Standing, left-right) Alumnus Mark Sheddan ('81) and his son Jackson, a student in the program, with Richard Gray, first director of the IA graduate program, at the anniversary reception.

The winner of this year's Edna Ranck Scholarship is **Gabriela Fulginiti**, pursuing a double major in IA and studio art. The travel award covered her expenses in India during this past summer, where she studied Hindi and started a pilot project she developed in her social entrepreneurship

specialization studies. Her social enterprise is Kitabé for Kids, which will create an online platform for private donors to purchase books for direct shipment to schools in India with diminished resources. Fulginiti plans to partner with the Amazon Affiliates program to generate revenue from all purchases made through the Kitabé portal. While in India, she also began creating artworks to reflect her experience. She plans to present an exhibit at FSU when she returns. She is currently in the Honors Program at FSU and was a National Merit Commended Student.

This year's Richard Gray Scholarship went to two deserving recipients. **Christina Parodi** planned to use her award to do an internship with a non-governmental organization (NGO) in Ollantayambo, Peru. She is also in the Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society. **John Ray Permenter**'s destination is Playa Samara, Costa Rica, to work with Asociacion CREAR, an NGO specializing in child development in the impoverished region of Guanacaste. He has received the Florida State Dean's List Award and is an Eagle Scout and FSU Global Scholar.

(Below) Gray Scholarship winners Christina Parodi and John Ray Permenter



International affairs students continue to excel. In 2014, two of the university's five Fulbright English Teaching Fellows and three of the five Boren scholars were IA majors. Ten of the 18 Social Science Scholars selected for 2015 were IA majors. For the most recent academic year, 13 of the 179 students inducted into Garnet and Gold were also majors. Two of the three Boren Scholarship winners at FSU for 2015, **Cecilio Moreno** and **Mia Concilus**, are majors.

INTERDISCIPLINARY SOCIAL SCIENCE

Robert Crew, Director
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The ISS program rolled out two new areas of concentration this past academic year, social entrepreneurship and public policy. The social entrepreneurship specialization kicked off with a new course, Foundations of Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation, examining innovation in self-sustaining enterprises designed to tackle pressing social issues. The public policy concentration focuses on public policy issues and the process by which governments make policy decisions. The course Contemporary Social Problems, offered for the first time in the Spring 2015 semester, develops critical thinking and problem-solving abilities valued by all employers. By offering an interdisciplinary perspective on public policy problems, the course helps students gain important perspectives into the nature of social problems and insights into how public policy can improve people's lives.

This spring, a team of five ISS students—**Macy Beswick, Trey Christopher, Kara Kesler, Samantha Matras, and Rebecca Wunderlich**—created a small-scale social enterprise through a unique internship with local merchant RedEye Coffee. The partnership between the company and ISS gave students the opportunity to learn about creating and sustaining an enterprise dedicated to positive social change using RedEye's resources and business model. RedEye markets fair-trade, organic coffee and other products in its café and mobile coffee truck with a goal of supporting local and global humanitarian efforts. Under the mentorship of RedEye founder Mark McNees, the students designed a business plan for the company's mobile coffee truck and sold coffee in downtown

Tallahassee during the 2015 legislative session. The net revenue generated will help fund scholarships supporting international internship and study opportunities for students in the ISS social entrepreneurship and innovation program.



Kara Kesler trains as a barista for her RedEye internship.

teaching interests are in the areas of international/comparative political economy, regional integration, and the European Union. He has been with the department since 1988, served as chair from 1999 to 2014, and is a faculty affiliate of the William A. Kerr Intercultural Education and Dialogue Initiative. He also leads a six-week study abroad program in Istanbul every summer. **Will H. Moore** was named the Alumni Distinguished Professor of Political Science. Moore is departing FSU this year for a position at Arizona State University.

Students in the Master in Applied American Politics and Policy (MAAPP) program held an event at the Florida Capitol, July 22,



POLITICAL SCIENCE

Charles Barrilleaux, Chair
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Associate Professor **Brad Gomez** is a co-author of a new book, *Change and Continuity in the 2012 and 2014 Elections* (CQ Press/Sage, 2015).

Two professors in the department were named as the inaugural recipients of distinguished professorships. **Dale L. Smith** was named the Paul Piccard Professor of Political Science, in honor of the late professor who taught in the department from 1953 until his retirement in 1993. Smith's principal research and

MAAPP students pose with Gov. Bob Martinez and program Director Bob Crew.

2014, to coincide with the final few weeks of the Smithsonian exhibit "Choosing to Participate: The Power of Civic Engagement." Former Gov. Bob Martinez, Secretary of State Ken Detzner, and MAAPP program Director **Bob Crew** spoke to the gathering about the exhibit theme and the ways the MAAPP program fosters civic engagement and trains students in practical skills for careers of public service, policy, and politics.

Eric Coleman has been promoted to associate professor with tenure. **Mark Souva** has been promoted to professor.

Carol Weissert has been named the 2015-2016 Fulbright Distinguished Chair in American Political Science in Australia. She'll be at Flinders University in Adelaide, February-June 2016.

The department held its annual Honors Night, April 7, 2015, in the Beth Moor Lounge of the Longmire Building. In addition to special thanks to Academic Coordinator **Jerry Fisher** for his work and service to the department, Professor **Chris Reenock** recognized the following students for outstanding achievement: Pruet Award for Graduate Student Research: **Minjung Kim**; Pruet Award for Graduate Student Teaching: **Casey Delahanty**; Charles Billings Public Service Award: **Aaron Tankel**; Thomas R. Dye Scholarship Award: **Ashleigh Singleton**; Honors in the Majors Thesis Completions: **Victoria Clark, Laura Feraro, Nicole Kliewer**; Undergraduate Research Intensive Bachelor's Certificate Completions: **William Alford, Sean Doran, Laura C. Forero, Lauren Jennings, Ryan Larson, Gabriel Lopez, Robert Martin, Nicole McLemore, Kyle Medin, Nicole Mendez, Rima Nathan, Anita Naylor, Krystine Olmedo, Candace Rechtmann, Derek Silver**.

The department boasts eight of the 18 members of the 2015 Social Science Scholars cohort, and these students were recognized at the annual Honors Night: **Sean Doran, Rebecca Entenberg, Alexander Morato, Rima Nathan, Mason Roth, Benjamin Schneider, Julianne Simson, Rachel Way**.

PUBLIC HEALTH

William Weissert, Director
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On April 24, 2015, the program presented its Health Policy Person of the Year Award to Pat Geraghty, chair and CEO of Florida



Students who completed the Research Intensive Bachelor's Certificate program with new RIBC Director Robert Jackson (left rear)

Blue, the state's Blue Cross and Blue Shield company, and a leader in Florida's health care industry. Each year the faculty makes the award in recognition of the career contributions of a leader in the health policy field in Florida. Geraghty was honored for his contributions to reducing Florida's uninsured rate by, among other things, leading his firm to offer Affordable Care Act (ACA) policies in every Florida county. Florida Blue was the only insurer in the state to do so in 2014. Florida led the nation in ACA enrollments in the second year of the act's rollout, a consequence of important

outreach efforts by many organizations but helped by the wide availability of plans throughout the state.

Former U.S. Rep. Jason Altmire attended a meeting of the Public Health Student Association (PHSA), January 22, 2015, to talk about the employment outlook for public health grads and to present the 2nd annual Congressman Jason and Kelly Altmire Student Achievement in Public Health Policy Award to **Natalie Bonus**, PHSA president for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Samantha Legg, 2015-2016 president of the Public Health Student Association (PHSA); MPH program Director William Weissert; Pat Geraghty, Health Policy Person of the Year for 2015; Natalie Bonus, 2014-2015 PHSA president; Dean David Rasmussen



Jason Altmire, Natalie Bonus

SOCIOLOGY

Isaac Eberstein, Chair
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Beginning with the Fall 2015 semester, there has been a shuffling of administrative deck chairs in the department. **John Reynolds** leaves his post as director of the Pepper Institute to take the reins as the sociology department chair. **Ike Eberstein** moves back to the faculty following his tenure as department chair. **Kathi Tillman** has been named director of graduate studies, replacing **Anne Barrett**, who moves from that position to take over as director of the Pepper Institute. With her appointment as the university's Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Director of Liberal Studies, **Annette Schwabe** hands over the directorship of the department's undergraduate studies to **Lisa Weinberg**.

Deana Rohlinger, Doug Schrock, and **John Taylor** have been promoted to full professorships.

Jill Quadagno, the Mildred and Claude Pepper Eminent Scholar in Social Gerontology and professor of sociology, was honored April 8, 2015, by faculty, university administration, friends, and colleagues at a reception to mark her retirement. She has been a highly valued member of the faculty since 1987, an internationally recognized expert and advisor to several U.S. presidents on the issue of health care and other public policy matters, and a member of the prestigious Institute of Medicine of the National Academies. FSU President **John Thrasher** also noted that she is a prolific researcher who has contributed greatly to the field of sociology, receiving well over a half million dollars in state, federal, and university grants to advance her work. She has chaired several professional associations and served as editor of academic journals. She expressed her greatest sense of achievement when she was awarded the University Distinguished Teacher Award in 2011: "Ultimately, I judge my own success by the success of my students, and I can think of no higher praise than to be considered a good teacher."

Deana Rohlinger published a book in December 2014, *Abortion Politics, Mass Media, and Social Movements in America* (Cambridge University Press). Weaving together analyses of archival material, news coverage, and interviews conducted with



Jill Quadagno chats with former student Brandon McKelvey at her retirement reception.

journalists from mainstream and partisan outlets as well as with activists, this book reimagines how activists use a variety of media, sometimes simultaneously, to agitate for—and against—legal abortion. She was also interviewed about her research on the Tea Party movement for the Pacifica Radio program "Against the Grain," aired January 12, 2015. Rohlinger studied the Tea Party to analyze how new technology shapes political participation and social movements in the 21st century.

URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

Jeff Brown, Chair
coss.fsu.edu/durp

The department has a new degree program. The Combined Bachelor's/Master's Degree Program in Urban and Regional Planning

allows academically talented undergraduates to complete a bachelor's degree in any major and the Master of Science in Planning (MSP) degree in less time than it would take to complete both degrees separately. Students accepted into the combined degree program may take up to 12 credit hours of graduate courses in planning. These credits will count toward completion of both their bachelor's degree and the MSP degree upon admission to the MSP program. The combined degree program thus allows students the opportunity to take a more challenging set of courses and begin their graduate studies early.

Academic publishing company Routledge published a book in April 2015 edited by Professor **Petra Doan**. *Planning and LGBTQ Communities: The Need for Inclusive Queer Spaces* brings together experienced planners,



John Reynolds

Deana Rohlinger



administrators, and researchers in the fields of planning and geography to reflect on the evolution of urban neighborhoods in which LGBTQ populations live, work, and play. Doan delivered a TEDx talk on campus this past winter, “The Tyranny of Gender and the Importance of Inclusive Safe Spaces in Cities,” integrating her life experiences as an out transgendered woman with reflections on her profession as an urban planning professor.

Three MSP students have been awarded U.S. Department of Transportation Dwight David Eisenhower Graduate Fellowships for the 2014-2015 academic year: second-year students **Alex Riomondy** and **Chris Stansbury** and first-year student **Donald Morgan**. In the past four years, nine MSP students have been named to the fellowship program, which makes awards to students pursuing degrees in transportation-related disciplines.

Lucas Lindsey, who received his MSP in 2014, was selected as the APA Florida Student Planner of the Year. APA Florida is the state chapter of the American Planning Association, the professional association for planners in the U.S. The APA Student Planner of the Year Award recognizes a graduate student for outstanding academic achievement, support of planning, contribution to planning, and potential as a planning professional. Lindsey now works as the community manager for Domi, a Tallahassee-based incubator that provides early-stage entrepreneurs with access to a network of mentors, investors, and collaborators.

Student **Michael Sherman** was recognized for his Outstanding Graduate Student Oral Presentation by the Urban and Regional Planning Section of the Florida Academy of Sciences; he made his presentation at the 79th Annual Meeting of the academy held at St. Leo University last March. **Christopher Bratton** was given an Honorable Mention Graduate Student Oral Presentation at the same event.

Ph.D. student **James Wood** was selected last March as student representative to the Governing Board of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. In this position, he is the voice of planning students from around the country and will also undertake special projects.

The department’s Florida Planning and Development Lab (FPDL) partnered with Pasco County, Fla., during the Summer and Fall 2014 semesters on a two-phased project focused on implementing The Harbors West Market Redevelopment Plan. Key redevelopment catalyst sites and strategies for development of these sites were identified by the FPDL team. FPDL learned in late May 2015 that the Florida Planning and Zoning Association gave the team and the project the 2015 Outstanding Study/Plan Award. The team also won the Student Project Award from the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association, the fourth time FPDL has received the honor.

Professor **Tim Chapin** and Assistant Professor **Michael Duncan**, along with **Mark Horner** (Geography) are examining the property value impacts of development around rail stations for the SunRail commuter rail service in Central Florida. The study is funded by the Florida Department of Transportation. Duncan and Horner have also been awarded a grant from the Center for Accessibility and Safety for Aging Populations to conduct a nationwide

examination of transit-oriented development from the perspective of how well it attracts and meets the needs of aging adults.

Assistant Professor **William Butler** received an augmentation of his grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Northern Research Station to expand his study of collaborative forest restoration planning and implementation.

Professor **Rebecca Miles** joined 40 experts from the public health, design, and urban planning fields this past summer at Harvard University for a working conference on the future of healthy cities.

The department has created an alumni council made up of 20 distinguished alumni who will provide advice and assistance on important issues related to the MSP program, such as curricular initiatives, programming, and events. Council members will connect students with internship, career placement, and other professional training opportunities and engage students with professional planning groups in Florida and throughout the U.S. ■



Lucas Lindsey



Master's students (left-right) Tyler Maldonado, Wes Shaffer, and Rafael Almario interview Pasco County stakeholders at the local farmer's market about their perspectives on start-up economic development opportunities as part of the award-winning FPDL Pasco County project.

CENTERS & INSTITUTES

CENTER FOR DEMOGRAPHY AND POPULATION HEALTH

Karin Brewster, Director
popcenter.fsu.edu

At the start of 2014, the center launched a combined degree program that allows outstanding undergraduates to enroll in graduate courses and count them toward both their bachelor's degree and the Master of Science degree in demography. This year, the first student to enter the program—**Patricia Barrett**—earned her M.S. Next year's cohort will include four more students who started the program as undergraduates.

Also earning the M.S. in Summer 2015 was **Hameed Haqparwar**, a Fulbright scholar from Afghanistan. Haqparwar arrived in Tallahassee in 2013 to learn the analytic tools of demography in order to advance his career working with development organizations in his native country. After a semester of intensive English study, he entered the program. In Summer 2014, he interned at a private firm in Washington, D.C.

The generosity of CDPH supporters and alumni make possible two events every spring semester: the presentation of the William J. Serow Prize and the Charles B. Nam Lecture. In April, **Elizabeth (Betty) Serow** visited the center to present the award named for her late husband and longtime director of CDPH, **Bill Serow**, and have lunch with the 12 members of the 2014-2015 cohort. The Serow Prize provides financial support to the student in the master's program who best demonstrates outstanding potential in applied demography. This year's winner was **Stephanie Hernandez**, who earned her undergraduate degree in sociology at FSU. She also tutors disadvantaged students at Tallahassee's Rickards High School in mathematics.

The Nam Lecture, which brings a rising star in the sociology of population to CDPH, is arranged each year by Charles B. Nam Professor **Woody Carlson**. The 2015 Nam Lecturer was Wendy Manning, Distinguished Professor of Sociology and director of the Center for Family and Demographic Research at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. Manning detailed her experiences working with the American Sociological Association on the brief filed with the U.S. Supreme Court, March 5, 2015, in *Obergefell v. Hodges* and consolidated cases determining the status of same-sex marriage laws. She also talked about her own recent research on the relationship stability of same-sex couples and on challenges and opportunities for new research on same-sex relationships in the U.S.

CENTER FOR DISASTER RISK POLICY / EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM

David Merrick / Audrey Heffron
Casserleigh, Directors
cdrp.net / em.fsu.edu

The Emergency Management and Homeland Security (EMHS) program continued its annual international outreach projects by sending a team of researchers to Ambergris Caye Island in Belize this past June. Flooding caused by tropical storms and hurricanes, coupled with insufficient water and electric infrastructure, has resulted in increased risk of fire and spread of disease in

Serow Prize winner Stephanie Hernandez (center) with Betty Serow (left) and CDPH Director Karin Brewster.



parts of the country. EMHS, in partnership with the Belize Red Cross Society, measured the water and sanitation situation of the at-risk San Mateo community on Ambergris Caye and assessed storm vulnerabilities. The research project included a site survey of the neighborhood and interviews of residents on their perceptions regarding resources. Four graduate students (**Joseph Crozier, Ryan Gallagher, Abby Kinch, Rebecca Rodgers**) and two undergraduates (**Laura Hart, Roger Lemarque**) were hired as researchers to join EMHS faculty **Audrey Heffron Casserleigh, David Merrick, Jarrett Broder, and Robert McDaniel** on the team, along with program staff **Tanya Shannon-Datar, Judith Caudra, and Bobby “Bunny” Duggleby**.

In 2014-2015, EMHS placed more than 30 interns with the Florida Division of Emergency Management and county emergency management organizations, creating opportunities for our students to work in the field prior to graduation.

Many EMHS classes are taught online, and EMHS staff members have been recognized for excellence in this area. The FSU Office of Distance Learning awarded **Judy Nunez** and **Malaika Samples** with Excellence in Online Mentoring Awards in Fall 2014.

In December 2014, CDRP was awarded the Florida Division of Emergency Management Public-Private Partnership Award for two ongoing projects: helping the Florida Virtual Business Emergency Operations Center develop more efficient and effective response to disasters and managing the Virtual Operations Support Team, which acts as an extension of the state’s public information arm during disasters and provides monitoring of social media for disaster information.

The Dilling-McDaniel Student Veteran Scholarship honors a student veteran with tuition assistance for EMHS courses. The inaugural award was presented this year to **William Hill**.



The EMHS Belize research team reviews the survey area.

At the 2014 International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) annual conference, EMHS faculty member **Rob McDaniel** was honored with the Student Chapter Advisor of the Year Award. McDaniel has coordinated outreach efforts for the IAEM chapter with federal and state emergency management organizations and FEMACorps. He teaches FEMA professional development courses evenings and weekends on his own time.

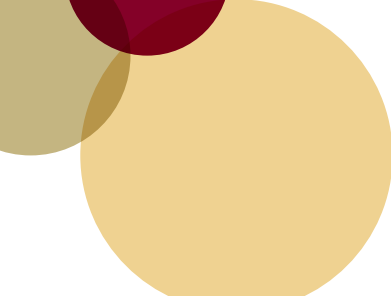
Ashley Davis received the 2015 EMHS Distinguished Alumnus Award in April 2015. He is a graduate of the Askew School and received his graduate certificate in emergency management. He currently works as an operations officer for the state’s Division of Emergency Management and continues to provide outreach and training opportunities to EMHS students.

**DEVOE L. MOORE CENTER
FOR THE STUDY OF CRITICAL
ISSUES IN ECONOMIC POLICY
AND GOVERNMENT**
Samuel R. Staley, Director
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In March 2015, the center issued the first of a series of policy briefs detailing research and analysis of current hot-button issues. The first brief, mailed to all Florida legislators and made available to the media and the general public, focused on the issue of sports stadium subsidies. That brief was notable

for having been the work of one of the center’s undergraduate researchers (see article on page 7). In May 2015, center Director **Samuel R. Staley** released his report on shopping center approvals and delays in the process he suggests may be contributing to slower economic development. Future policy briefs, with significant contributions by student researchers, are expected to take on such topics as public pension reform, Uber and taxi regulation, and economic development policy. The briefs can be accessed on line at the center’s web site.

Nearly 200,000 migrant and seasonal workers travel to work in Florida every year, and finding high quality, affordable housing is one of their chief challenges. The center is stepping into this difficult problem with an innovative private-sector solution that could help workers and growers in 33 Florida counties. A two-year privately funded grant allowed the center to hire economics graduate **Kaylee Tuck** in January 2015 as a full-time policy analyst dedicated to developing a working business model for Walks of Life Hotel, a project that will renovate large vacant buildings, such as abandoned hotels, into self-sustaining affordable housing for migrant workers. Tuck’s first year has been focused on developing a full business plan while also researching the project’s application outside the state of Florida. Her second year will focus on implementation. The expectation is to launch the Walks of Life Hotel between



July and December 2016, with the capability to provide housing for more than 200 migrant workers in Sebring, Fla., or a nearby town or county.

As part of the rapidly growing ecosystem supporting the Florida State University Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation initiative, the Diehl Family Social Enterprise Competition, hosted by the DeVoe L. Moore Center, has been providing a valuable boost to innovative business ventures designed to address social problems in communities across the U.S. and the world. After gathering more than 120 proposals for domestic and international social enterprises, the competition, under the direction of Project Manager **Joanna Douglas**, awarded \$5,000 each in business plan development grants to ten finalists in August 2014. Of these, four projects received \$50,000 each to launch in 2015: Reclaim Appalachia (skills training for low-income young adults in West Virginia), Kouzin Dlo (promoting community health and clean water in Haiti), Clinic Nepal (community center, marketplace, and emergency shelter), and Bright Kids Uganda (supporting at-risk youth and community economic development). Beginning in Summer 2015, the center began recruiting FSU students to engage in planning, facilitating, and compiling reports on program evaluations of these four enterprises.

GUS A. STAVROS CENTER FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF FREE ENTERPRISE AND ECONOMIC EDUCATION

James Gwartney, Director
coss.fsu.edu/Stavros

The FSU Stavros Center, in conjunction with the Stavros Center at the University of South Florida, held its 11th annual workshop, “Creative Teaching Ideas for Your Basic Economics Course,” February 5-7, 2015, at USF’s Tampa campus. The event kicked off with a dinner and keynote address by Ellyn Terry of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.



Kaylee Tuck took part in a social entrepreneurship showcase, November 2014, to explain her Walks of Life project.

The workshop presented the new, updated version of the Common Sense Economics for Life course designed for both high school and college students and developed by a team of leading economic educators working with the FSU Stavros Center. This course stresses economic reasoning and focuses on what beginning students really need to know about both economics and personal finance.

Leaders on the front lines of economic education were present to share their insights and tips, including Jane Lopus, director of the Center for Economic Education at California State University; John Tomasi, professor of political science and philosophy at Brown University; Brian O’Roark, professor of economics at Robert Morris University; John Morton, senior program officer for the Arizona Council on Economic Education; and Mark Schug, professor

emeritus at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

The workshop for the Common Sense course was led by several of the educators involved in its development, including FSU Stavros Director **James Gwartney** and Assistant Director **Joe Calhoun** of the Department of Economics. The center is now offering a special online class each semester for teachers on how to use the course effectively.

LEROY COLLINS INSTITUTE **Carol S. Weissert, Director** collinsinstitute.fsu.edu

The institute has continued its publication of research in municipal pensions and expanded into two new policy areas. In October 2014, the institute sponsored



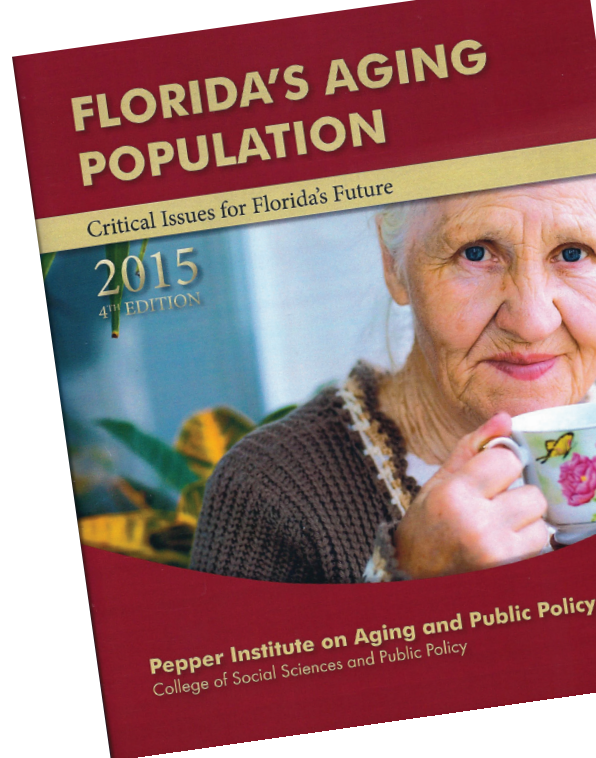
Jane Lopus (left) conducts an interactive exercise at the Stavros workshop.

a well-attended symposium on higher education as a kickoff to launching its study in this policy area. Jeff Selingo, editor-at-large of the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, was the keynote speaker for the event. After his presentation, attendees split into groups to discuss higher education problems and possibilities in the areas of access, attainment, and accountability. The institute board then decided initially to focus on issues facing community and state colleges in Florida. In February the board heard a presentation by Mike Krause, executive director of Tennessee Promise, an innovative program to provide free community college education for citizens. The Lumina Foundation provided funding for his presentation.

The second institute initiative concerns the 2017-2018 Florida Constitution Revision Commission. The institute has convened a large group of partners for this project to educate and inform the public about the upcoming constitution revision commission. The first stage is to engage the public in helping determine high-quality candidates for appointment. The second stage concerns possible topics

for constitutional revision. The Collins Institute is sponsoring a kickoff event in October 2015 at which members of past commissions will present insights, lessons learned, and recommendations for future success. The institute is launching an animated video on Florida's constitutional revision process and, with funding from the Florida Bar, is producing a Citizens' Guide to Constitutional Revision. **Sandy D'Alemberte**, Collins board member and chair of the 1977-78 Constitution Revision Commission, and Collins Institute Director **Carol Weissert** are heading up this project.

In Fall 2014 the institute published its first in-depth report on Florida municipalities' health benefits for retirees, "Beyond Pensions: Florida Local Governments and Retiree Health Benefits." Future research on retiree health coverage will be published in 2016. The institute's previous work on municipal pensions continues to serve as the reliable source for non-biased information for policymakers and the press. A 2015 law on police and fire pensions implemented a recommendation of the Collins Institute, and the institute's work was cited throughout the legislature's deliberation.



PEPPER INSTITUTE ON AGING AND PUBLIC POLICY

John Reynolds, Director
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The Pepper Institute published the fifth edition of the *Florida's Aging Population* research report. The report, distributed to all Florida legislators just prior to the legislative session in March 2015, included information relevant to the lives and needs of Florida's aging population and their implications for policy. If you are interested in a copy of this report you may contact us at pepperinstitute@fsu.edu.

In addition to offering a wealth of classes and activities throughout the year, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, a program for learners over 50, hosted a group of Ukrainians, February 13 – 21, 2015. The seven-member delegation visited Tallahassee to learn how policy and legislation shape the health care system in this country. Members of the delegation have been involved in writing and lobbying for health care reform legislation in the Ukrainian Parliament.

*Collins Institute Board Chair
 Lester Abberger, keynote speaker
 Jeffrey Selingo, and Collins
 Institute Director Carol Weissert*



The group included two physicians, an educator, a researcher, an urban developer, a facilitator, and a translator.

During their busy week of activities, the delegates received an overview of the U.S. health care system at the FSU College of Medicine; participated in a dialogue on the faith community's role in health care and spiritual counseling; attended a program on educating physicians; held a meeting with FSU President John Thrasher; toured the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory; and visited the Florida Capitol to be recognized by the House of Representatives, participate in discussions of health care issues with legislative leaders and staffers, and attend a meeting of the House Health Care Committee.

John Reynolds has stepped down as director of the institute to take on the role of Department of Sociology chair. Sociology Professor **Anne Barrett** takes over as Pepper Institute director in the Fall 2015 semester.

WILLIAM H. KERR INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION AND DIALOGUE INITIATIVE

John Mayo, Director
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This past February, the initiative celebrated its anniversary with a luncheon, an update on recent activities, and a memorial mass. Several of the 2014-2015 Kerr Fellows, students from various countries, spoke about how the program has opened up a wealth of educational opportunities for them.

Msgr. William Kerr's connection to FSU and Tallahassee dates back to earning a Ph.D. in diplomatic history at the university and serving in the St. Thomas More co-cathedral in Tallahassee from 1975 to 1984, when he departed for a vice-presidency at Catholic University and later the presidency of LaRoche College in Pennsylvania. During his tenure in higher education, Msgr. Kerr committed himself to advancing educational opportunities for underprivileged youth around the world. He returned to FSU in 2006 to become executive director of the Claude Pepper Center for Intercultural Dialogue.

After he passed away suddenly in 2009, the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy continued his work and honored his legacy

with the establishment of the initiative. Six years later, that program continues to provide scholarships and fellowships to students from conflict, post-conflict, and developing nations; sponsor seminars and institutes dedicated to conflict resolution; and establish partnerships between FSU and universities abroad to expand opportunities for international service and to support collaborative research.

In the summer of 2014, nearly two dozen students from a variety of disciplines at FSU

took part in a seminar sponsored by the initiative, receiving intensive training in the intercultural communication and leadership skills essential to conflict resolution and global citizenship.

Thanks to Msgr. Kerr's bold and compassionate vision, the college plays a major leadership role in advancing international understanding and education. His dream continues with the generous support, participation, and encouragement of alumni and friends. ■



*Kerr Fellow Phil Girurugwiro
of Rwanda with Dean David
Rasmussen at the Kerr Initiative
anniversary celebration*

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS ED MOORE



A friend once asked Ed Moore if he thought he might be buried under the stairs in Bellamy, considering all the time he spent in the building through the years as an undergraduate, master's and Ph.D. student, even for a time as an adjunct instructor. Well, Ed may not end up under the floor of the atrium like some medieval poet in Westminster Abbey, but his presence continues to be felt here long after his school days and likely will be for some time to come.

Ed's roots in the college are deep. His wife, Kathleen Armstrong Moore, also got her bachelor's degree in government and a master's in public administration. (With his three degrees, her two, and one each for three of their four children, that makes eight FSU degrees just in his immediate family!) Ed first came to FSU in Fall 1971. Bellamy had only been in use for two years at that point, and the campus was quite a different place.

"It was much smaller, small enough that you quickly met people and began to see familiar faces as you crossed campus," he says.

"Those were times of national tumult, so there were many opportunities for political engagement, but FSU also offered you more. We had great teachers, great classes, and a great time."

One of the faculty relationships he valued most was with the late Gus Turnbull, Ed's major professor in his public administration master's program and FSU provost beginning in 1986. Ed left Florida in the late 1970s to partner in a busy Illinois-based consulting firm with clients in 26 states focused on large-scale electric, water, and gas utility projects, but he and Turnbull kept up their lively correspondence on academic ideas and policy issues. He has also stayed connected with his FSU friends, both the tight-knit group he came here with and those he met on campus.

For Ed, there are no shortages of ways to stay engaged with the university and to give something back. He and his wife have been strong supporters of Strozier Society and the film school and members of the President's Club and Seminole Boosters.

"I once had a really nice shallow water boat just sitting in my yard, and I stared at it every day," he says. "I realized the FSU marine science program could put it to use, so we

donated it to them, and it got used daily."

That generosity extends to the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy in a big way. We've benefited greatly not only from his financial support but his time and experience.

"Aside from general contributions, Ed provided early leadership as we developed our Social Science Scholars program, which is now in its fourth year," notes Dean David Rasmussen. "This program has been a spectacular success in no small part because of people like Ed. He takes the time to interview the semi-finalists for this honor and contributes to the scholarships that these outstanding students receive."

That kind of valuable support grew from Ed's staunch and long-proven dedication to quality higher education, a commitment he exercises every day in his current position as president of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida, an association of 31 not-for-profit institutions of higher learning. And, yes, it's also motivated by good memories and a debt of gratitude he feels he owes to those who helped him prepare for all he has achieved over the years.

"The college has been a big part of my life and was a way for a hard-working Broward kid, way back when, to take a few steps up the economic ladder. The classes I took from Dye, Parsons, St. Angelo, Vanderoff, Chadhoury, Hazelwood and others still ring true and I recall them fondly. To be honored like this is both humbling to me and in a way honors the work they did too." ■

"I try to live with an openness towards others, working to shed the tendency people have to be judgmental. We don't know people's lives and journeys until we get to know them, so forming opinions should take time."

Ed Moore: A Distinguished Career

- Staff assistant for Florida House Health and Rehabilitative Services committee 1974-75
- Cabinet aide to Comptroller Gerald Lewis 1975-76
- Executive director, Broward County Community Mental Health Board 1976-78
- Consultant 1979-2000
- President and CEO, James Madison Institute 2000-02
- Policy staff director, Florida House of Representatives 2002-03
- President, Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida 2003-Present
- Board and organization memberships: Illinois Board of Higher Education, Illinois Joint Education Committee, Florida Council of 100, Florida Association of Colleges and Universities, Florida Chamber Foundation, Fulbright Specialist Review Committee, Florida Advisory Council for U.S. Global Leadership Coalition, founding member of Higher Education Coordinating Council, executive director of Florida Higher Education Facilities Finance Authority, chair of National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities State Executives
- Awards and honors: Fulbright Specialist, Broward Schools Foundation Distinguished Alum, Broward College Distinguished Alum, 100 Irish Americans in Education honor by the Republic of Ireland

ALUM NAMED TO GRADS MADE GOOD

Rodney Hero ('75, Political Science) has been chosen as one of the three FSU alumni to be honored as the university's "Grads Made Good" for 2015.

A magna cum laude graduate of what was then called the Department of Government, Rodney went on to earn his Ph.D. at Purdue University and has since forged a remarkable career as a scholar, teacher, and public servant. He has held professorships at Arizona State, Colorado, and Notre Dame and now holds the Haas Chair in Diversity and Democracy in the Department of Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley.



Robert Hero

He is the author of nine books and dozens of articles focusing on issues of local and state politics with particular attention to race and ethnicity. He currently serves as the president of the American Political Science Association, founded in 1903 and now numbering more than 10,000 members. Hero is the first FSU graduate to achieve this position and the association's first Latino president.

Every year since 1974, the FSU Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society chooses three Grads Made Good to be recognized at the annual homecoming breakfast hosted by the National Collegiate Leadership Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa and the FSU Alumni Association.

A NEW FACE ON OUR DEVELOPMENT TEAM

In June, Cindy Michelson joined the college's fundraising team as the assistant director of development. She previously worked for the FSU Foundation from 1998-2003 as a major gifts officer for the College of Education and School of Social Work. Since 2010, Cindy has served as the membership director of WFSU TV/FM. During her tenure there, she greatly improved and expanded the station's fundraising operations and results. Cindy also has extensive nonprofit experience as a former leader of Southern Scholarship Foundation in Tallahassee and the Literacy Council of Central Alabama in Birmingham, Ala. Additionally, she has owned and operated two successful businesses. Her entrepreneurial experience and background are another strength that she brings to our college.



Cindy Michelson

"The rewarding aspect for me working in development is seeing the long-term value of the gifts donated to the college by our alumni and friends," Cindy says. "Whether it's an outright gift to support a student this year or a named endowment that will fund students and academic endeavors year after year in perpetuity, each gift has an impact on shaping the leaders of tomorrow. It is an honor to represent the college and ensure that our students have the knowledge they need to create the future of our society."

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Several supporters of the Social Science Scholars program were on hand to meet this year's cohort at the February 2015 reception. This remarkable program, instituted by Dean Rasmussen in 2011, exists because of the support of generous alumni and friends who recognize the value of the experience it provides. Each of the donors listed below sponsored a named scholar in the 2015 cohort at the \$6,000/year level, of which the scholar received \$5,000 to fund their respective project or experience (see page 14). Many other alumni and friends have also contributed to the program and/or played an active part in the selection process, exemplifying the ideal of giving back to the college.



Supporters of the Social Science Scholars program at the annual reception: Marie Cowart, Ed Moore, Flo Ashby, Greg Ereckson, Marjorie Turnbull, and Dustin Daniels

Florence H. Ashby
James Etscorn
R. Kent Shoemaker, Jr.
J. Douglas Baldridge
Fred C. and Helen D. Flipse
(both deceased)
Angela and Nicholas Bergan
Eric M. Gaier
Steven Clein

William Holly
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Marie E. Cowart
Marjorie R. Turnbull
Gregory Ereckson
Allen Zeman

(Note: Other sponsors of named Social Science Scholars who have generously contributed to the program since this publication went to press are not included in the above list.)

We hope you'll also recognize the great value in the program and become a supporter of Social Science Scholars. In his remarks at the reception, FSU President John Thrasher expressed great enthusiasm not only for seeing the program continue but for expanding it to more deserving students. If you would like to be a vital part of producing the next generation of leaders and agents of change, please contact Development Director Jesse Colvin (850-644-1920, jcolvin@foundation.fsu.edu). For more about the program, please visit coss.fsu.edu/ss

DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- 996 donors contributed \$1,930,425 to the college during FY2014-2015, of which \$1,305,291 was designated for unrestricted and current support and \$210,134 was for endowment. Estate/bequest gifts totaled \$415,000.
- Bellamy Society members increased 9% to 107 compared to 98 members during 2013-2014.
- **Gregory Milford** of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., included in his trust/estate plan a bequest provision valued at \$225,000 to benefit the **Susan and James Milford Family Scholarship Endowment Fund** in the Department of Economics.
- Three board members of the **Diehl Family Foundation** of Defiance, Ohio, collectively committed \$115,000 to help support social entrepreneurship student Kaylee Tuck's project to convert an old hotel in Sebring, Fla., into sustainable housing for migrant workers. (See page 25)
- Again this year the **Kaul Foundation** of Tampa, Fla., contributed \$100,000 to provide unrestricted support for the applied economics program.
- **Eileen and Tom Culligan** of Bonita Bay, Fla., made an additional endowment commitment of \$100,000 to help support the Monsignor William Kerr Intercultural Education and Dialogue Initiative within the college.
- The Project on Accountable Justice received \$100,000 in unrestricted support from **Good Ventures** of San Francisco, Cal., and \$45,000 in current support from **Robert Stork** of Vera Beach, Fla.
- **Sue and R. Mark Isaac** of Tallahassee, Fla., funded a \$100,000 charitable gift annuity to benefit the **Dewey F. Bartlett Fellowship Endowment Fund** in the economics department.
- **Jeralynn (Lynn) Cossman** of Morgantown, W. Va., included in her estate plan a bequest provision valued at \$65,000 to provide unrestricted support for the Department of Sociology graduate program.
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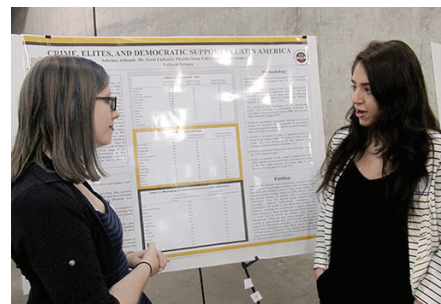
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The brand-new DeVoe Moore Center was dedicated by Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who is now running for U.S. president, and Dean Marie Cowart touted the rejuvenated Bellamy Building, getting a cosmetic makeover after 30 years in use.

At the end of the Fall 1999 semester, the college had graduated 202 undergrads, 58 masters, and 11 doctoral students. At the end of Spring 2015, we graduated 657 undergrads, 96 masters, and 17 Ph.D.s.